

Newburyport Affordable Housing Trust
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Thursday, September 27, 2018
Meeting Location: First Floor Conference Room, City Hall
Members in Attendance: Susanne Cameron, Judy Tymon, Madeline Nash, Karen Wiener, Mayor Holaday
Minutes Taker: Kate Newhall-Smith

Tymon calls the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Discussion: Presentation of Housing Production Plan

The Trust reviews Tymon's draft presentation for the 10/9/18 City Council meeting. Members suggest edits and tasks: Smith to provide a list of Trust accomplishments and photos; Nash to provide language regarding the importance of affordable housing; Mayor to insert charts into the presentation.

Tymon will make the edits and forward the presentation to the group.

Smith reminds the group that they will have 10 minutes at the top of the 10/9 Council agenda. She will ensure that there is a projector and screen in the chambers. The Mayor will bring her laptop.

Smith also reminds the group of the next presentation, which will be led by MVPC, on 10/17/18. This presentation will be before the Planning Board and the Council's Planning & Development Committee.

Discussion: Affordable Housing at Waterfront West

The Mayor gives an update on the concept designs at Waterfront West. She believes that NED is not at the stage to begin thinking about affordability. She said that they have stated they will reduce the height and density of the structures. If this occurs, then the public meeting process can continue.

Updates

Hillside: The YWCA received state funding from the Community Scale Housing Initiative to construct the proposed 10-room lodging house at the Hillside Center for Sustainable Living. The funding announcement will occur on Tuesday, October 2nd at 3:30 p.m.

Minco: Smith states that Minco has not yet brought forward a revised application to the ZBA for the project at 92R Merrimac Street. The Trust also discusses the local preference option at 1 Boston Way; Wiener believes that 70% is too high. Members discuss the criteria to be considered for the local preference. Ultimately the group decides that the criteria are very inclusive and that 70% is acceptable.

Zoning Recodification: Smith provides a status update on the zoning recodification project.

Approval of Minutes

- July 12, 2018: Voting members are Cameron, Nash, and Wiener. Wiener makes a motion to approve, seconded by Nash. All in favor.
- August 23, 2018: Voting members are Cameron, Nash, and Tymon. Cameron makes a motion to approve, seconded by Nash. All in favor.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 15th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.